

RESOLUTION 128-2009

Authorizing City Council support of the Family and Business Health Security Act of 2009, as proposed by H.B. 1660 and S.B. 400

WHEREAS, every person in the City of Reading and the United States deserves access to affordable, quality healthcare; and

WHEREAS, over 47 million Americans, and thousands of residents in the City of Reading, live daily without healthcare coverage; and

WHEREAS, there are two Pennsylvania state single-payer healthcare bills, the Family and Business Health Security Act of 2009, now HB 1660 and SB 400, that would also reduce Reading's healthcare costs for its employees; and

WHEREAS, HB 1660 and SB 400 will cover all medically necessary services, including primary care, inpatient care, outpatient care, emergency care, prescription drugs, durable medical equipment, long-term care, mental health services, dentistry, eye care, podiatry, chiropractic, and substance abuse treatment, and

WHEREAS, illnesses and medical debt annually cause 500,000 bankruptcies in the United States affecting two million people and an increasing number of home foreclosures are also associated with medical debt; and

WHEREAS, administrative costs and profits consume 30 percent of health care spending in the United States, with rising costs contributing to decreased international competitiveness and massive layoffs; and

WHEREAS, Americans spend double what other industrialized countries spend per person while they are covering all their citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City of Reading 2009 employee healthcare costs are approximately \$10 million

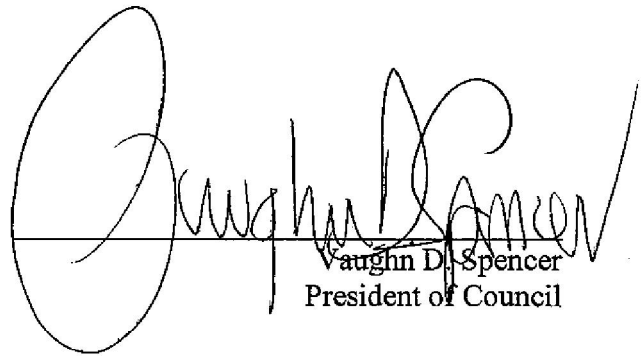
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF READING

That Council hereby expresses its support for the Family and Business Health Security Act of 2009, HB 1660 and SB 400, and calls upon Pennsylvania legislators to work towards their immediate enactment.

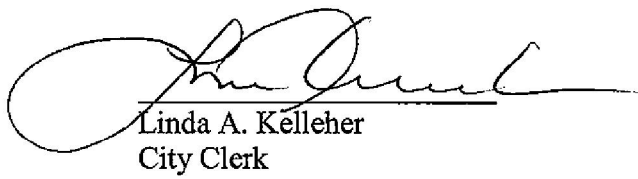
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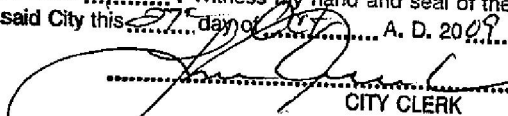
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, 2009


Vaughn D. Spencer
President of Council

Attest:


Linda A. Kelleher
City Clerk

I, LINDA A. KELLEHER, City Clerk of the City
of Reading, Pa., do hereby certify, that the fore-
going is a true and correct copy of the original
~~Resolution~~ passed by the Council of the City of
Reading, on the 26th day of Oct
A. D. 20 09. Witness my hand and seal of the
said City this 27th day of Oct A. D. 20 09.

CITY CLERK